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UNION OIL COMPANY -
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SLUDGE DISPOSAL

DATE -

June 2, 1970

Following is the sequence of events regarding a complaint that industrial sludges were being improperly disposed.

May 22, 1970:

Our Chicago Office received a phone call from Robert Hamilton, City Engineer for the City of Crest Hill, who informed us that a Mr. Kubinsky was hauling sludge from Texaco, Inc., and spreading the sludge on land owned by Kubinsky and that the sludges were causing a stream pollution problem. These sludges are being hauled to an area near the Crest Hill City Hall.

May 25, 1970:

I called Texaco to report the complaint and obtain additional information. I conferred with J. C. Jarrett, Assistant Plant Manager, who said that he was unaware of this situation, that he did not know and had not heard of Kubinsky, but that he would check into this problem and keep us informed.

May 26, 1970:

Mr. Goodlander, Engineer, Texaco, Inc., called to report that their sludge is being hauled and that the contractor is Jack Carlstrom, owner of the Lockport Trucking Company. About 5 to 7,000 gpd of 3% sludge is being hauled, because the incinerator has not been placed into operation because of certain problems. He said that this sludge was being hauled to an approved site in Joliet about 1 mile west of the City Hall, he will check further. On this same day, John C. McLane of our Chicago Office inspected this site and reported that there was some existing and potential runoff of sludge into a slough area and thence to a nearby stream (see John C. McLane memo).

May 27, 1970:

Goodlander called. He had visited the sludge disposal site near the Crest Hill City Hall. He said that this is not Texaco sludge, but could be sludge from Union Oil Company. He said that the information presented on May 26 is correct.

I then called J. N. West, Plant Manager, Union Oil Company, and presented all information concerning this sludge disposal problem. He said that Mr. Granot, Staff Engineer, would check into this problem and keep us informed.